

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Best Western Vista Inn, 2645 Airport Way, *Boise, ID*

*June 26, 2003*

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDEES:**

Vicki Armbruster, Volunteer Third Service Member  
Dean Ellis, Idaho Fire Chiefs Association Member  
Jeff Furner, Career Third Service Member  
Kallin Gordon, EMT-Basic Member  
Rod Hackwith, Advanced EMT Member  
Hal Iverson, Air Medical Member  
Karen Kellie, Idaho Hospital Association Member  
Mary Ellen Kelly, State Board of Nursing Member  
Robert D Larsen, Private Agency Member  
Warren Larson, EMS Instructor Member  
Mary Leonard, State Board of Medicine Member  
Krista Merrill, County EMS Administrator Seat  
Robert W Monteith, Third Service Non-Transport Member  
William Pyron, Consumer Member  
Murry Sturkie, DO, Idaho Medical Association Member

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

David Christensen, Idaho Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatricians  
Randy Cordle, Emergency Pediatric Medicine  
Hal Gamett, Fire Department Based Non-Transport Member  
David Kim, Idaho Chapter of ACEP Member  
Robert Korn, MD, PhD, ID Chapter of ACS Member, Committee on Trauma  
James Kozak, EMT-Paramedic Member  
Ethel Peck, Idaho Association of Counties Member

### **VACANT MEMBER SEATS:**

None

### **EMS STAFF ATTENDEES:**

Jim Alter, EMS Regional Operations Coordinator	Barbara Freeman, EMS Administrative Assistant
Gary Brookshire, EMS Regional Consultant, CDA	Dia Gainor, EMS Bureau Chief
Douglas Carrell, EMS Regional Consultant, BOI	Dean Neufeld, EMS Regional Consultant, LEW
Bruce Cheeseman, Certification & Licensure	Tawni Newton, Provider Resources Coordinator
Kay Chicoine, Analysis and Planning	Mary Sheridan, Medicaid Reimbursement
John Cramer, Analysis and Planning	

### **Other Attendees:**

Tim Allen, NW Paramedics	Diana Pfauth, Air Idaho Rescue
Stephen Bastian, Franklin County	Kenneth Schwab, Teton Valley Ambulance
Mary Lou Davis	Joe Weiss, Placerville Ambulance
Dave Hanneman, Boise Fire	Phyllis Giron-Weiss, Placerville Ambulance
Steven Harris, NW MedStar	

Topic	Discussion	Outcomes/Decisions
Minutes		Motion to approve March 2003 minutes passed.
EMS Key Data Demonstration	<p>John Cramer presented and explained the windows version of Idaho EMSCan Key Data 2000 which will be ready for distribution July 9. There have been agencies already identified for receipt of the software. It will also be available through the grant program.</p> <p>PCR reporting can be submitted to the Bureau by diskette or email in ASCII format. Agencies will still be able to submit from the DOS program.</p> <p>Vendor indicated that this software is not formattable for PDAs. Software cost is about \$1,000.</p>	
Air Medical Sub-Committee	Hal Iverson reported. Discussed distribution of guidelines, notifications agreement issues and updating signatures on the agreements.	Report accepted.
Education Sub-Committee	Krista Merrill appointed as sub-committee chair. First Responder bridge course, Pediatric and Adult Guidelines, Epi-Pen Training Standards were reviewed. The administrative sections of the guidelines needs legal approval. Will be finalized and distributed to agencies.	<p>Motion to recommend First Responder bridge course with amendments as stated by the sub-committee was passed.</p> <p>Motion to accept Pediatric and Adult Guidelines for distribution was passed.</p> <p>Motion to accept Epi-Pen Training Standards as written with the inclusion of a standardized test and acquirement of reasonable medical direction was passed.</p>
EMT-I Task Force	<p>Bonnie Burlage reported.</p> <p>Recommendations: Based Idaho's plan on Oregon's program. Changes: Drug classes instead of specific drugs, added optional cardiac module, added needle thoracostomy.</p> <p>Timeline: DHW Board in September.</p> <p>Formed two committees: Curriculum and Rule Making.</p>	<p>Motion to accept EMT-I program as outlined was passed.</p> <p>Motion to create curriculum and rule making task forces for EMT-I program passed.</p>

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	<p>Scope of practice, medical director, communication, patient care, medication and quality assessment requirements issues will be addressed in rule making. Initially this program will be closely regulated to evaluate performance of this level of patient care.</p> <p>Is the Advanced level a pre-requisite for the EMT-I? No. Advanced level also is not a bridge.</p> <p>EMT-I will be valuable in rural areas that are not able to support paramedic level.</p> <p>Does the scope of practice address the intubation methods for Advanced?</p>	
Grant Sub-Committee	<p>Bob Larsen reported. Grants will be awarded by September 2003. \$1.1 million for vehicles and equipment will be awarded. 33 vehicles requested. 8-10 will be awarded. 80% of funds to vehicles. 20% to equipment.</p> <p>130 AEDs will be distributed through a grant program.</p> <p>Sticker decals noting the source of funds (driver's license fees) for ambulances will be developed. These stickers will be retroactive to the beginning of the vehicle grant program where feasible.</p>	Motion to develop decals noting source of ambulance funding is passed.
Licensure Sub-Committee	<p>Crouch Ambulance Upgrade to ILS Transport: Motion to approve application when protocols are in compliance with scope of practice and approved by the EMS Bureau. Seconded and carried.</p> <p>Bingham County Search and Rescue: Motion to approve application passed.</p> <p>Clearwater County Combined Licensure Transport: Motion to approve application passed.</p> <p>Northern Lakes License Update from ILS Transport to ALS Non-Transport: Motion to approve application passed.</p>	All recommendations by the sub-committee were approved by the committee.

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	<p>Gooding County Pilot: Motion to recommend continuing Gooding County Pilot until EMT-I certification is available at which time the Gooding County pilot will end was carried.</p>	
TRAC	<p>Kay presented the status summary of the TRAC project. Because of not being able to identify funding, rule making will be delayed a year.</p> <p>Dia complemented the task force that worked on the data dictionary.</p>	
Medical Direction Subcommittee Report	<p>Mary Sheridan is new Bureau staff representative.</p> <p>Karen Kellie reported. Sub-committee membership was discussed. The Medical Director Job Description has been approved and is ready for distribution. The Patient Care Guidelines are also ready for distribution. The protocol requests from the medical director's course could be part of the medical director's manual.</p> <p>The survey to agencies who declare on line medical direction was discussed. The purpose of the survey is to determine current on-line medical direction practices. The information can be a guide to the Bureau, particularly when new programs and scope of practice issues need to be addressed.</p> <p>The Hospital ED Education plan is to inform ER personnel of medical direction issues. Mary Hornbaker will draft survey questions for ER personnel who deal with medical direction requests.</p> <p>It was decided to hold medical director courses every two-three years with a target of 2005 for the next course. Regional Consultants will be sure that medical directors have a manual.</p> <p>The IMA sponsorship of legislation about legal protection from discoverability was mentioned.</p>	Accepted report.

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	<p>Medical direction for all agency levels was discussed. Need to know what challenges face agencies in obtaining medical direction.</p> <p>Motion to create a task force to work on the Board of Medicine rules revision carried. Report and draft by the September EMSAC meeting.</p>	
EMSAC Newsletter	<p>Kay suggested that the newsletter be placed on the EMS website. Post cards will be mailed out to notify providers how to access the website.</p>	